

**NOAA Research Council Meeting
January 7, 2004
SSMC III, Rm 11836**

Members Present:

**Richard Rosen, Chair, OAR
Marie Colton (phone) NESDIS
Steve Brandt (phone) OAR
Michael Sissenwine NMFS**

Staff:

**Michael Uhart SAB
Dennis Staley (phone) NWS
Kristen Koch OAR
Carl Childs OAR
Lynn Dancy NOS
Josh Foster DCO
Mary Anne Whitcomb (OAR)**

Opening Remarks

Don Scavia has left NOAA. A new NOS representative and vice chair will be appointed soon.

Research Review Panel Preliminary Report to NOAA SAB

The Research Council discussed at length the preliminary report of the Research Review Panel (Panel) that was presented to the NOAA Science Advisory Board on Tuesday, January 6th. (Report available on the SAB web site.) The impact on the Research Council of the Panel's recommendation to create a Research Board chaired by an individual with budget authority reporting directly to the NOAA Administrator was discussed at length, as was the Panel's distinction between Long- and Short-term research. The Panel's recommendation that NOAA develop a research strategy was strongly endorsed by the Research Council.

ACTION ITEM: Research Council staff will draft a response to the Research Review Panel Preliminary Report for distribution to the Research Council by COB 1/20. The draft will be discussed at the next meeting on 1/26. A final draft is due to DCO by 1/28.

The SAB indicated general agreement with the Panel's recommendation that NOAA develop an enterprise-wide research plan.

ACTION ITEM: The Research Council will draft a 5-year NOAA-wide Research Plan that is consistent with NOAA's Strategic Plan by February 7th. This effort will be coordinated by Goal by following members who will consult with the Goal Team Leads and provide their plans by COB 1/30.

Goal Team 1: Steve Brandt

Goal Team 2: Marie Colton

Goal Team 3: Louis Uccellini

Goal Team 4: Steve Manzo

Research Council Staff will provide a framework for this plan by COB 1/9/04.

Progress on this task will be discussed at the next Research Council meeting on 1/26.

Research Council input to PA&E on Program Plans

The CFO Council has requested that research funding by Goal be compiled for FY03 to FY05. These data will not be derived from the NSF submissions. The CFO Council has also requested that all Goal Teams provide financial information on research in the FY06 Program Plans. This data is to be provided by 1/10.

ACTION ITEM: Tasking on this item from the 12/22 research Council meeting remains in effect. However, the draft reviews of the Program Plans are now due to the RC by COB 1/16/04 instead of the original 1/14/04 date. Final response to PA&E is due 1/21. The following members will coordinate this effort.

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Publication Notification NAO

Several Research Council members are working with Jim Mahoney on drafting a Publication Notification NAO. The difficulty in balancing the needs of NOAA senior management against the potential appearance of undue political influence on science was discussed. Ahasha Tribble is coordinating efforts in Dr. Mahoney's office. The NAO produced by this subcommittee will be vetted through the Research Council and the Climate Board.

Next Meeting

2:00 to 4:00 PM

Monday, January 26th 2004

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